

## ABSTRACT

A packaging and filling apparatus and a packaging material cutting device are provided, in which the knife of the cutting device can be replaced with appropriate timing by quantitatively determining the service life of the knife of the cutting device. 5 The packaging and filling apparatus fills a tube of a web of a packaging material with a fluid product, forms lateral seal bands by sealing the tube in the direction in which the bands intersect the tube, cuts each seal band of a series of pillow-like preformed bodies with a cutting device such that the pillow-like preformed bodies are severed from each 10 other, thus forming a packaging and filling container of the final form. The cutting device 32 comprises: a resistance measuring means for measuring the cutting resistance that a packaging material cutting blade 33 receives from the packaging material, and then outputting a measurement value obtained; and a blade monitoring means for monitoring the condition of the packaging material cutting blade based upon 15 the measurement value.